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When I took the position of starting this information source, I realized that some of you would have a different outlook on life than this editor. Having walked down the hallway of life I know pleasing all of you is not humanly possible, and I'll make no attempt to try.

The first effort's at presenting this news source were rough to say the least, and I'll be the first to agree with that point. But with all things considered the students I spoke with were pleased that someone at least made an effort.

In an attempt to add more substance to our forum I talked with a professor who will remain unnamed, that was apathetic but kind in her response. Her opinion, which I'll respect, was that neither "sex nor humor" had any business in this publication. Her thoughts were that this was a waste of "state money." When I pointed out that only student funds are being utilized, she then stated "it is a waste of good paper and trees."

Well, I hope the rest of the students and faculty will realize that even the Wright brothers didn't fly on their first try. I'll always be open to any form of criticism and thank her for taking the time to at least do that.

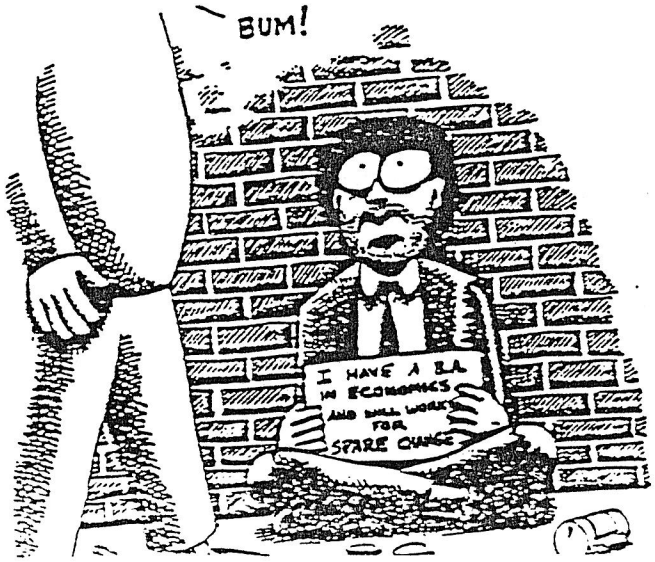
I ask that all of you please give us a chance, but any input, even if I don't agree with it, is still input.

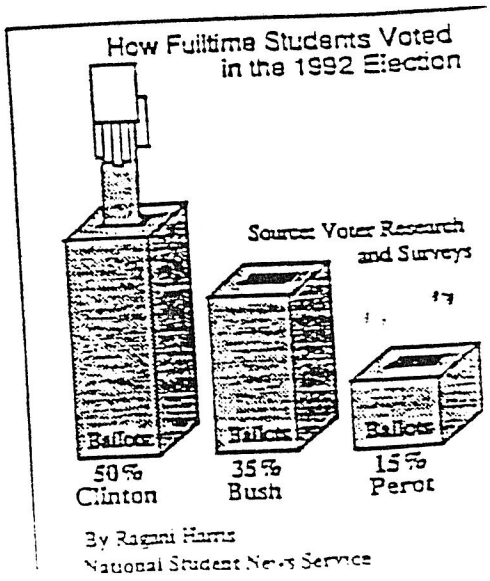
Mark Ewing

Dear Chris and Mark,

I applaud your effort in trying, once again, to see that our campus has a student media device. I hope you are able to stick with it and make a go of this student paper. I appreciate the time and effort you have put into this first issue. I know how difficult it can be getting people to contribute. Keep up the good work, and don't let anyone shoot you down.

Sincerely, Kathryn Reiman



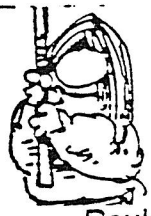


A Byte of News

The semester seems to be off and running pretty smoothly so far in the computer labs. I say this for only a few times have the printers consumed finished documents, and only a few students have reported that their floppy diskettes along with their files have disappeared, never to be seen again, inside the computers. Most of all I have not had any reports of labs aides threatening a student or even hinting of hurting themselves. Don't despair though, the time will arrive shortly, ussually around spring break and for sure durring mid-terms and finals. The good days are yet to come. Another good sign is that more students who are not enrolled in a computer class have started to show interest in doing their word processing for all class assignments, instead of using the archaic machines called typewriters (Ithink that is the technical name for those things).

Anyway, for those students who don't know, all it will cost is a mere $25.00 per semester to reserve a computer that one can use six days a week. I don't think that anyone can find a better deal than this. Also, for the same $25.00 fee, a student can receive advice from very capable individuals called lab aides. While they cannot teach the application programs themselves, they will assist you in getting started and then help you with the finishing touches to make your document look professional. These machines are available Monday thru Friday from the early hour of 8:30am till 10:00pm and on Saturday from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Quite the deal for a small price. Come on by and take a look, and ask questions. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to make your semester more enjoyable and fruitful. Till next time...
.....Hit any key to continue.

Rick Ball



Student Government
Legislative Affairs

Paula Groundwater and Scott Brown, Student government Legislative Affairs delegates were in Juneau lobbying the legislature February 10th - 15th. Their goal was to secure funding for the building completion project which would connect the main campus building to Snodgrass Hall. Paula and Scott lobbied the legislature last year, as well. $3.5 million was allocated. This year they are lobbying for an additional $3.6 million to complete the project.

Some important events occurred while they were in Juneau. The State of Alaska received $630 million tax settlement. Governor Hickel and Senator Kertulla each issued press releases proposing education as a primary recipient of the settlement.

Paula and Scott are optimistic about the project because they feel the current sentiments, in the legislature, favors education funding.

Paula Groundwater & Scott Brown